

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-19 were presented. Claims 1-4, 6-14 and 16-19 are canceled, without prejudice. Claim 20 was previously canceled. Claims 5 and 15 are amended. New claims 21-34 are added. Thus, claims 5, 15 and 21-34 are now pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5 and 15 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 15 is amended to include all limitations of claim 14, from which it directly depends, and is accordingly in condition for allowance. Claim 5 is amended to depend from new claim 22.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-3, 6-14 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Gerschenfeld (US 6,025,725). Claim 4 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Gerschenfeld in view of Official Notice taken by the Office. Claims 1-4, 6-14 and 16-19 are canceled, without prejudice, rendering these grounds for rejection moot.

New Claims

New claims 21-34 are added to better define the invention and distinguish over all art of record. Claim 5 is amended to depend from new claim 22.

Conclusion

This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after consideration and entry of this amendment.

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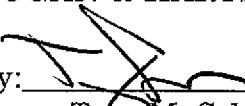
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